

FAQ's – Continuing Education Requirement for CDS Registration.

1) During what time period must the CME have been completed?

There is not a specific time frame in which to have completed the coursework. The intent of the bill was to ensure that practitioners that work with CDS have had education on the prescribing/dispensing of controlled substances.

2) Is this a one-time requirement, or a recurring requirement that CDS authorized providers will need to complete upon each renewal?

This is a one-time requirement. On or after October 1, 2018, new and renewal applicants will have to attest on the application that they have met the requirements prior to receiving their CDS registration. Once this attestation requirement is met, the registrant will not need to obtain 2 CE hours of training for future registrations.

3) Will the Office of Controlled Substances Administration provide a list of acceptable continuing education courses?

No, the Office of Controlled Substances Administration will not provide a list of acceptable courses. A registrant may take any course that addresses prescribing or dispensing of CDS as long as the course is ACCME accredited or by other accredited organizations/associations approved by the professional licensing board. If the course is not accredited, the course must be recognized by the registrant's professional licensing board. A course that meets the licensing board's requirements for continuing education credits is acceptable for purposes of this requirement.

4.) What if I obtained my CE in another state?

If the course was taken in another state and is accredited by the ACCME or by other accredited organizations/associations approved by the Board; that is acceptable, otherwise the course must be recognized by the Maryland licensing board that issues your license.

5.) Does this include all CDS registrants?

This requirement does not apply to establishments or researchers.